

MINUTES OF THE DISABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE
OF THE
EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT SYSTEM OF THE STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

January 7, 2011

A meeting of the Disability Subcommittee of the Rhode Island Retirement Board (hereinafter "Committee") was held on January 7, 2011 in the Board Room of the Employees' Retirement System, 40 Fountain Street, Providence, Rhode Island.

The following Committee members were present: Michael Boyce, Daniel Beardsley, Susan Knorr Rodriguez and Mark Dingley.

Also in attendance were: Michael Robinson, General Counsel; Dr. Christopher Ley, Medical Advisor, Diane Bourne and Frank Karpinski, Employees' Retirement System.

1. CALL TO ORDER

Recognizing a quorum, Chairperson Daniel Beardsley called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A draft of the minutes of the December 3, 2010 meeting were mailed to the Committee members for review prior to the meeting, and

Upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce, it was:

<u>VOTED:</u>	To approve the minutes of the meeting of December 3, 2010
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The following applications were then presented for consideration:

3. RECONSIDERATION -ACCIDENTAL

1. William Kluth

A 57 year old municipal, painter with the City of Newport for 27 years and 9 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability. Mr. Boyce voted nay.

2. Maria D'Abate

A 61 year old state, registered nurse with the Department of Human Services for 0 years and 11 months

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement for 50% of the rate of compensation in accordance with RIGL § 36-10-15 (b).

3. Stephen Limoges, Sr.

A 61 year old state, evaluation specialist with the State Supreme Court for 15 years and 2 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Ms. Rodriguez and seconded by Mr. Dingley it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

4. Jennifer Csizmesia A 45 year old municipal, water division meter reader and repairman/shopman with the City of Woonsocket for 9 years and 4 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

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5. Dianne Brien A 46 year old state, community living aide with MHRH for 5 years and 10 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Postpone** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

4. RECONSIDERATION - ORDINARY

NONE

5. ACCIDENTAL – New

6. Richard Grinchell A 53 year old state, housekeeper with Rhode Island College for 1 year and 9 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Mr. Boyce it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental retirement for 66 2/3 of the rate of compensation in accordance with RIGL § 36-10-10-15(b).

7. Thomas Walsh A 36 year old municipal, patrolman with West Greenwich Police Department for 8 years and 3 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Boyce and seconded by Mr. Dingley, it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

8. Linda Agoro A 59 year old State, registered nurse with MHRH/Eleanor Slater Hospital for 1 year and 7 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Deny** the application for an accidental disability retirement.

6. ORDINARY – New

9. Daniel Cronin A 55 year old state, senior maintenance technician at University of Rhode Island for 21 years and 8 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

VOTED: To recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability retirement.

7. HEARINGS ACCIDENTAL/ORDINARY

10. Nicholas Antonucci A 41 year old state, storekeeper at Rhode Island College for 18 years and 0 months.

After reviewing the application, supporting documentation, the medical reports submitted by three physicians engaged by the Retirement System and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez it was unanimously:

VOTED:

To approve the request to consider the accidental disability application as an ordinary disability application and to recommend that the Retirement Board **Approve** the application for an ordinary disability.

9. NEW BUSINESS

None

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Subcommittee, and upon a motion duly made by Mr. Dingley and seconded by Ms. Rodriguez, it was unanimously:

Voted:

To adjourn the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Diane Bourne
DSB:gsb

January 28, 2011